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In Re Application of : April 13, 2004  
C. Conan, et al : Group Art No.: 2863  
Serial No. 09/772,474 : Examiner: T. S. Lau  
Filed: January 30, 2001 : for IBM Corporation  
Title: AUTOMATED TESTING OF  
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**APPEAL BRIEF (37 CFR 1.192)**

Appellants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated December 15, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1, 2, and 5-24 in the above application, and respectfully request that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences consider the

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